

MINUTES
OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE MANCHESTER CITY COUNCIL
MARCH 11th, 2019 5:00 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mayor Mike Brening

Councilmember Solomon Ferguson

Councilmember Bruce Burt

Councilmember Travis Ferguson

Councilmember Judy Foster

STAFF PRESENT:

City Manager Doug Westberry

City Attorney Nathan Lee

Chief of Police Gray Couch

Fire Chief Roderick Jolivette

Mayor Brening called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. in City Hall. Councilmember Travis Ferguson gave the invocation and Mayor Brening led the pledge of allegiance.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson to adopt the agenda with addition of Nneka Carter-Young to appearances concerning the Manchester Market Days. Motion was seconded by Solomon Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Judy Foster, seconded by Travis Ferguson to approve the Regular Meeting Minutes from February 11, 2019. Vote was 5 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster to approve the February 2019 Treasurer's Report. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Fire Chief Jolivette presented Certificates of Completion from the National Board of Fire Service Professional Qualifications to Firefighter Adam Lovvorn. The certificates were for Hazmat Materials and Operations as well as Firefighter I.

Chief Jolivette also shared information and a plaque awarded to the Manchester Fire Department in recognition for "Exceptional Commitment to Providing Help, Hope and Healing Beyond the Burn for the 29th Annual *GIVE BURNS THE BOOT* Pass the Boot" Campaign for 2018.

Ms. Kisler Oglesby appeared before the Mayor and Council to express her concerns regarding police brutality and misconduct. She provided verbal information to the council regarding a situation with Officer Chris Janovsky as it relates to the recent arrest of her son as well as her dissatisfaction with the outcome of the internal investigation that cleared Officer Janovsky of any violations. Ms. Kisler stated that she was in contact with an attorney and other agencies.

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Manchester Development Authority Executive Director Nneka Carter-Young and Carla Corbin made a presentation to the City Council regarding bringing the Manchester Market Days back to downtown after a year off. The City Council was asked to waive the vendor license fees for the calendar year 2019. Travis Ferguson made a motion, seconded by Judy Foster for the City to waive the vendor license fees pertaining to the market events for the calendar year 2019. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

On a motion by Solomon Ferguson, seconded by Judy Foster, Hillary Flynn and Brad Foster were reappointed as Members of the Manchester Downtown Development Authority with a term ending December 31, 2022. Vote was 5 ayes.

Motion made by Travis Ferguson and seconded by Bruce Burt to reappoint Atticus Mathis and W.H. "Buck" Fancher to the Manchester Development Authority with a term ending December 31, 2022. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Motion made by Solomon Ferguson and seconded by Travis Ferguson to appoint Danny Wadsworth to the Manchester Development Authority with a term ending December 31, 2022. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

The Georgia Municipal Employees Benefit System Defined Benefit Retirement Plan, comprised of the Master Plan and Adoption Agreement had been previously adopted by the City of Manchester. GMEBS recently restated the Master Plan and Adoption Agreement and received a favorable determination from the Internal Revenue Service. In order to ensure continued tax-favored treatment for the plan, the IRS requires that the City of Manchester adopt the restated plan documents. After a brief discussion with the City Manager and City Attorney, Mayor Brening made a motion, seconded by Travis Ferguson to adopt the Ordinance. The vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

The City Manager provided information regarding the USDA funding for the Water Treatment Facility Project and asked the Council to approve a Work Session for further discussion and decision on moving forward with the project with a date and time to yet be determined. Bruce Burt made a motion, seconded by Judy Foster directing the City Manager to schedule a Work Session. The vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

Judy Foster made a motion to table the decision on the return of the funds allocated to the Manchester Downtown Development Authority for the Amphitheater Project. The motion was seconded by Travis Ferguson. The vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

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The City Manager provided information to the City Council about the Intergovernmental Agreement For Countywide Recreation between Meriwether County and the City of Manchester. The existing Agreement's term ends on November 15, 2020 and the City Manager for the purpose of budget planning asked if the City Council desired to continue with the program past that date, noting that a new Agreement would be drafted for approval at a later date should Meriwether County also wish to proceed. Bruce Burt made a motion, seconded by Travis Ferguson for the City Manager to communicate the Council's willingness to continue the program past November 15, 2020 in preparation of a new Intergovernmental Agreement being drafted. The vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

The Mayor updated the audience and council on the meter replacement project and the splash pad project. He stated that both projects were ahead of schedule. The Mayor congratulated the 12 years old and under girls and 10 years old and under boys for being the State Basketball Champions. The Mayor mentioned that the expansion projects at both CSX Railroad and Georgia Power were underway.

Councilmember Judy Foster commented on the completion of the President Theater's Restoration Project and the success of the Donor Celebration held February 16.

The City Manager provided the Council Members with the Audit for FY2018 and stated that the State Department of Audits and Accounts had reviewed the audit and have determined that no items were identified for immediate correction.

Motion made to adjourn at 6:21 PM by Judy Foster, motion seconded by Solomon Ferguson. Vote was unanimous with 5 ayes.

City Clerk Lea Spell

Mayor Michael J. Brening